

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A carrier comprising carrier particles, said particles comprising a magnetic core and a resin layer covering said core, wherein said carrier particles have a weight average particle diameter Dw which is 22-32  $\mu\text{m}$  and a number average particle diameter Dp which meets with the following condition:

$$1 < \text{Dw/Dp} < 1.20,$$

and

(1) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 20  $\mu\text{m}$  is no more than 7wt% of the total weight of said particles,

(2) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 36  $\mu\text{m}$  is 90-100wt% of the total weight of said particles, and

(3) wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 44  $\mu\text{m}$  is 98-100wt% of the total weight of said particles.

Claim 2 (Original): The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said particles have a weight average particle diameter Dw which is 22-30  $\mu\text{m}$ , and wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 20  $\mu\text{m}$  is no more than 5wt%.

Claim 3 (Original): The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the amount of said carrier particles having a particle diameter of less than 20  $\mu\text{m}$  is no more than 3wt%.

Claim 4 (Original): The carrier as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said carrier particles provide a magnetic moment of from 70 to 150emu/g in an applied magnetic field at 1 KOe.